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Black Power vs Green Power



JIM COLVIN

Before World War II, the black race, as it is now called, had struggled for its own identity, both in the eyes of other races, and within itself. The word "Negro" gradually gave way to other terms like "brown" as in the familiar phrase "fine brown frame." But this wasn't a big enough adjustment to satisfy the rapidly expanding race who were seeking an identity.

The word "Negro" was first used by a slave trader who was having some trouble

convincing his captives to continue their cruise down the Niger River in the heart of Africa. In his anger, the reader called them Negroes.

But the people of the American, particularly the South, apparently found "Negro" a bit hard to pronounce, and relaxed it into "Nigra" and then "nigger", both unpleasant-sounding words.

Then under the conservative leadership of President Harry S. Truman, the Negro became known in America as "colored". And with this,

the "colored man" tried to change his image, with light make-up, bleaching chemicals, straightened hair, and other things.

Then came the burning sixties, from the mouths of two prophets, H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael, came the new label, "Black." This was an answer to the identity question for all descendants of Africa; the answer that "Black is Beautiful," and that the term "black" is not an insult or a put-down, but something to be proud of.

Other ethnic and nationality groups have come thru this same process. The Jewish people have been the victims of a dozen insulting and ignorant labels, like "Hebe". Italians have been called "Dagos", and Poles called "Pollocks", by frightened and prejudiced neighbors. But all of these groups have resisted this kind of labeling, have gotten their heads together, and worked on the principle that the ONLY power they needed was GREEN POWER. Jewish businessmen are known to be among the hardest working, best organized, and most successful in the world. Besides success, do you know what else they

have? One of the LOWEST crime rates in the entire world! There was a time when, within a Jewish community, if one man stole from another, he was searched out and publicly hanged.

Now that you have found your true identity, one that you accept, and appreciate your Blackness, it is time you learn pride and respect for your own community and your own home. And it is

time that you begin teaching your children respect for themselves, for one another, for property, and for life.

Does Black Power give you the right to rob your black neighbors, or to turn your back when you see him being robbed?

Does it give you the right to knock down your elders in the street and trample

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Easter Parade



THE VALLEY STAR SALUTES Miss Doris Banks as queen of our Easter parade. Miss Banks is 15 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Banks of 350 S. 14th Street.

Letter to Our Readers

Due to the purchase of our building by the government so that a new Federal Building can be built, it is necessary for the Valley Star to relocate to new quarters. This is going to take a little time. Also, we plan to take this time to have our new equipment installed which will improve the quality of the newspaper.

For these reasons, we feel we will best serve the interest of all readers and advertisers by suspending our operations for a period of 30 days.

Subscribers who have paid in advance will receive the

full number of issues for which they paid. Also, this 30-day suspension will give your editor time to contact those who have wanted to subscribe but have not been called on yet.

Please remember, during the 4 to 5 weeks when you are not getting your paper, that the Valley Star will soon start arriving at your door again, and that it will be better than ever.

We thank you for the loyalty and support you have given in the past, and hope to continue giving you a "Right on" neighborhood newspaper for a long time to come.



HOW IS THIS for Easter?



"GEE MOM, YOU are beautiful," says this little fella to his mother on Easter.

Photographed by Jim Colvin



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NNPA Says First Amendment Best Guide

"We shall support the First Amendment as the broadest and best guide to press freedom and steadfastly resist governmental and any other efforts toward intimidation, subjugation and demoralization of the press and its members."

That was the thrust of the testimony given Wednesday morning to the House Subcommittee on the Judiciary by Mrs. Frances L. Murphy, 11, chairman of the Board of Directors, Afro-American Newspapers.

Mrs. Murphy was speaking in behalf of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) at the hearing on proposed legislation to create protection for sources of news and information and unpublished information, or the so-called "Shield Laws".

NNPA is an organization of 113 black newspapers whose combined circulations total more than three million and whose publications date back to 1828.

The position taken by NNPA was formulated last month by the organization's board of directors in its Mid-Winter Workshop held in Washington.

In presenting the NNPA position, Mrs. Murphy outlined the struggle the black press has had down through the years, declaring that while "the white press took all of the privileges for granted, the black press had to call on the Constitution and the First Amendment in order to get their rights."

"We have been able to maintain one of the greatest hidden wires for newstips ever developed in history," Mrs. Murphy told the subcommittee.

"Leaks to the black press on history-making events from the time of John Russwurm, who began the first black newspaper 145 years ago, have made it imperative to protect our news sources," she added.

Then Mrs. Murphy detailed some facets of the black press struggle for recognition, declaring:

"We black Americans have needed the First Amendment and the Constitution in order to make sure that we could get inside to cover the news, for we are the American press who had to fight to get our correspondents into the White House, or to send our correspondents to the war zones where our own men were fighting, or to sit in the Congressional galleries."

She pointed out that it was not until 1948 that the Congressional Press Gallery was desegregated yet that "same gallery had warmly embraced all other correspondents from around the world." Louis Lautier was the first black correspondent admitted to the Gallery.

Against this background, Mrs. Murphy stressed that the latest challenge to the freedom of the press "is more of an attack on us than the white press," because the black press is "endangered because of its unique features."

Quoting an earlier statement by Congressman Parren Mitchell of Maryland, Mrs. Murphy emphasized that "the large amount of our

editorials are concerned with justice to the race, with equal privilege or with complaint against conditions as they are."

Thus, she told the subcommittee, "it is imperative from the black perspective as well as from a larger point of view that newsmen be allowed to gather and report news without interference sepecially from government."

Mrs. Murphy cited two sections of the Department of Justice Guidelines for Subpoenas to News Media and urged caution in the use of these guidelines.

Concluding her remarks, the Afro board chairman stressed that the First Amendment and the Constitution had been "instruments which have enabled the black press to survive."

During the question period, Mrs. Murphy told the subcommittee that it was NNPA's view that "absolute law" would not be approved by Congress at this time and therefore felt "the best law is the First Amendment."

She said NNPA calls upon all other information and education segments of our nation to "rededicate themselves to the principles of freedom embodied in the First Amendment and to the re-education of the American People to these principles."

PROFESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE WEEK



JOYCE OVERTON

WORKING MOTHER

A black woman raising a family alone has some special problems to overcome in making a living, and a life, for her family. But if she faces her problem square in the eye, and believes in herself, she can make it; and Mrs. Joyce Overton, divorced mother of two, is living proof of that.

Joyce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ramzy, and has lived all her life in Saginaw. She graduated from Saginaw High in 1969, and that same year was one of the lovely girls who competed for the title of Miss Autumn Leaves.

After business training at Delta, Joyce began working as a teller at First Savings and Loan. Then in January of this year, she was selected for promotion to chief teller in the Downtown Mall office, and placed in managerial training for fifteen weeks.

Joyce said that she was very surprised when she was offered the new position, but decided immediately to accept it.

She is now being trained in consumer loans, mortgages and other banking transactions, as well as more general things like the supervision of other employees.

Asked how it felt to go from a teller position into training for chief teller, Joyce said, "It really doesn't hit you right away," until people start asking you questions about what you're learning, and the supervisors "walk around and see how you're doing."

But Joyce said her whole family takes a lot of pride in

the success she has earned, especially, "because I'm doing it all myself."

Joyce then began a sentence with the words, "If I wasn't working," and talked about the material things she wouldn't have, the sense of achievement and self-respect, the feeling of spending her week contributing a worthwhile service to the community.

There are problems and difficulties, obstacles to overcome, at home, on the job, and in the community at large, and the working mother has prepared herself to deal with all of these. Don't ever let anyone tell you it's easy. But don't let them tell you that you can't do it either.

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on them as if they were less than human?

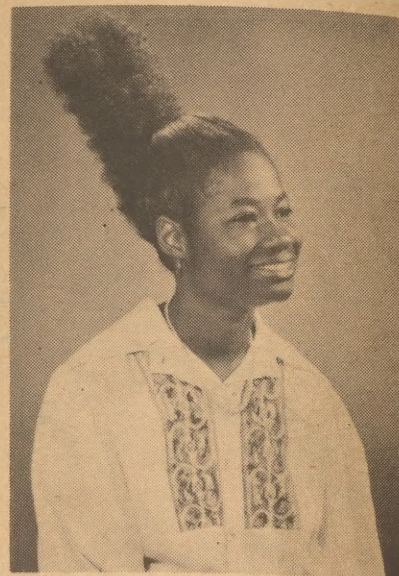
Does Black Power mean you have the right to defy laws that are meant to protect everyone and upgrade society?

Does Black Power mean you must no longer respect your parents, who are just as Black as you?

If you really want to see Black Power, how about Black brothers and sisters combining those green dollars together, to build real Black businesses, like banks, factories, hospitals, without suspicion and fear of a knife in the back.

And how about some Black brains working overtime instead of the Black mouths that now compete for our

Vickie Bradley Receives BS Degree From WMU



Miss Vickie Lou Bradley, 22, the daughter of Mrs. Avis Bradley and the late Mr. Joseph Bradley, graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo Saturday, April 21. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education. While a student at Western Michigan University, Miss Bradley was a member of the Kappa Delta Phi National Honor Society in Education.

Miss Bradley attended Lincoln Elementary School, Central Junior High, and graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1969.

Her hobbies include dancing, skating, reading, traveling, and listening to music.

Although Miss Bradley has obtained her bachelor's in elementary education and is presently a student teacher at Houghton Elementary, she still has plans to possibly become an airline stewardess. Miss Bradley made positive contacts with an airline in Kansas City, Kansas prior to her graduation.



SET YOUR CLOCK

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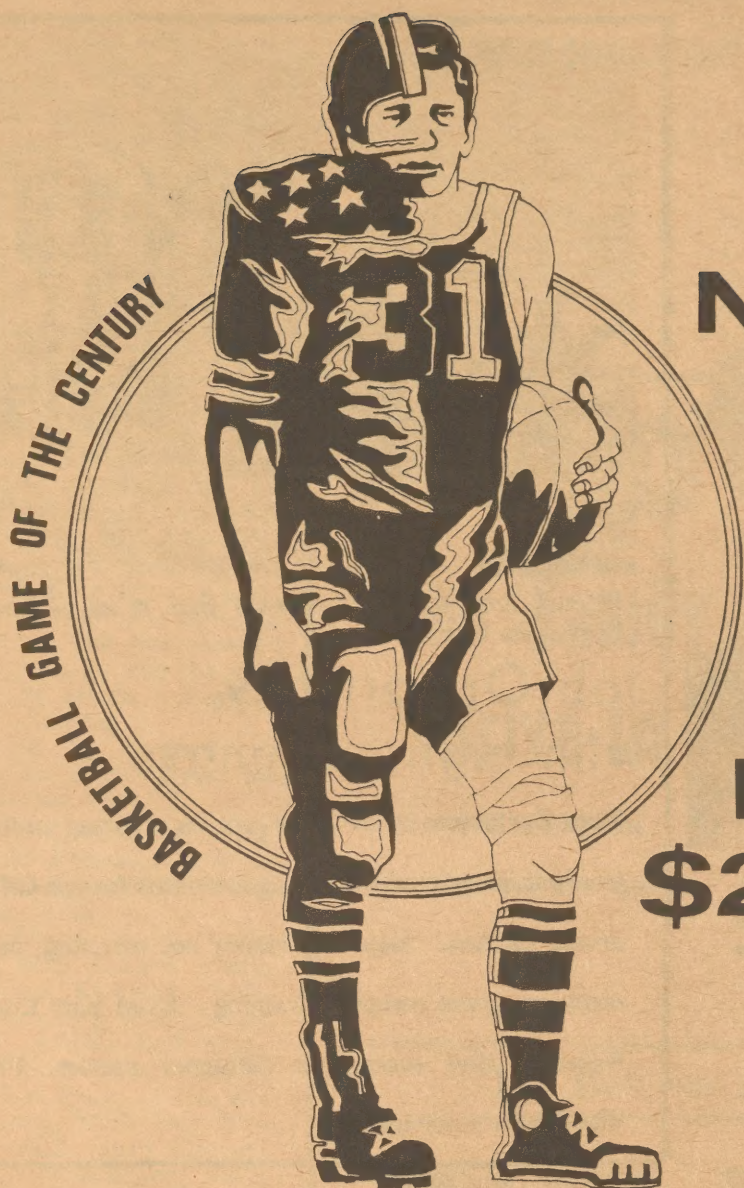
SUNDAY NIGHT!

attention.

Example: in many Southern cities, it is the Black builder who knows what kind of homes white people will buy, and it is that Black builder who has enough green power so that racial barriers mean nothing to him.

Black intelligence and brainpower are not inferior or second-best; and a really good idea can be sold to anyone, black or white. And when it sells, the money is all the same color, my friends.

If the color of your skin is black, and the inside of your pocket is green, and you have washed the blood of your brother from your hands, now you can say "I'm Black and I'm proud" and mean it.



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Michigan State Police Graduates 46 Troopers



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JUAN GUILLEN, JR.

The Michigan State Police graduated 46 probationary troopers on April 18, in East Lansing. Included among the 46 were one Mexican/American and two more Black troopers. This brings the number of Black troopers in the department to 15.

With the assignment of Trooper William Slaughter, Jr. to the South Haven Post, marks the first time ever for two Black troopers to be assigned to the same post. Trooper Leo Morris II was assigned to the Ypsilanti Post, with Trooper Juan Guillen assigned to the Lapeer Post. Eleven of the Black troopers were added during the present recruitment drive that began on September 1, 1971. Trooper James Simmons of the Personnel and Recruitment Section thinks it's unique, but added with the present SINCERE effort of the State Police there will be even greater numbers of Blacks joining the department and going to the same post.

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The B.N.A. took special interest in Denise because she has Sickle Cell Trait.

(1) During the summer of '72, the B.N.A. devoted 75% of their leisure time to test

DENISE FORD RECEIVES check from Mrs. Joyce McClain treasurer of B.N.A.

school children for the disease.

(2) B.N.A. has 18 members.

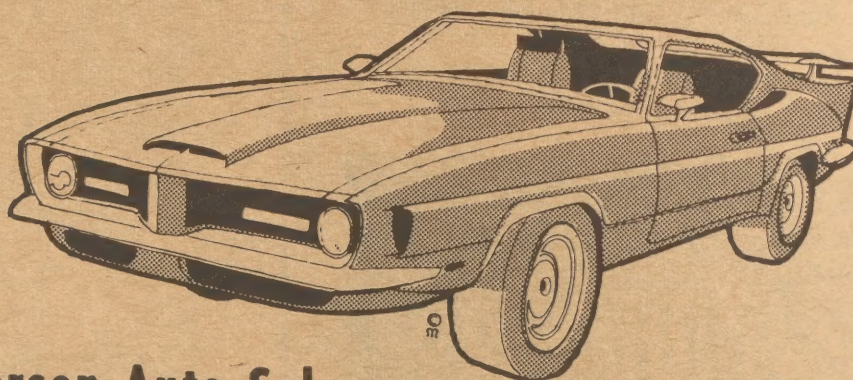
(3) B.N.A. has been in existence for almost one year.

(4) Their motto is "Serving today for a better tomorrow".

(5) Membership is open to all local R.N.'s and L.P.N.

(6) B.N.A. Officers: President, Nell Kelly; Vice-President, Sandra Langford; Secretary, Barbara Hill; Treasurer, Joyce McClain.

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Going On A Trip



Student City Government Day

Following is a list of 66 senior students from Arthur Hill and Saginaw High Schools, the Catholic high schools and Michigan Lutheran Seminary, who will be participating in the annual Student City Government Day on May 7.

On Student Day the students report to their respective "offices" at 9 a.m., attend a regular City Council meeting at 11 a.m., and a luncheon co-hosted by American Legion Post No. 22 and the City, and a special program at Unity Hall, Saginaw Civic Center, and complete their day at 4 p.m. The City Council is meeting at 11 a.m. that day instead of 7:30 p.m. so that the students may attend a regular Council meeting.

Truman W. Verbeck is serving as chairman of the program for Post 22.

Mayor Yvonne Coleman, SHS; Tom Borchard, AHHS; Mark Drevlow, MLS; Doug Newman, SSHPHS;

Councilman Sylvester Paynes, SHS; Gary Bond, SHS; Ross Kwaiser, SHS; Greg Buckley, SHS; James Theisen, AHHS; Jack Murphy, AHHS; Dennis Holnagel, AHHS; Tim Reis, AHHS; Richard Long, MLS; Don Tollefson, MLS; Gary Egerer, SSPPHS; Jeff Marker, SSHPHS; City Manager Ted Brown, SHS; Zina Smits, AHHS; Dennis Belter, MLS; Leanne Logan, SSPPHS;

Fire Chief Marilyn Pruitt, SHS; Merlin Martin, AHHS; Steven Pitt, MLS; Joe Keyes, SMCHS;

Police Chief Robin Walker, SHS; Tim Miller, AHHS; James Weir, MLS; Mike Mikolaizyk, SSPPHS;

Director of Public Works and Engineering Greg Johnson, SHS; Bob Miller, AHHS; Diane Scharrer, MLS; Cathy Sting, SMCHS;

Director of Public Utilities Carmen Estrada, SHS; Bill Mason, AHHS; Patti Jackson, MLS; Rick Herm, SMCHS;

Director of Community Development Darlene Pittman, SHS; Oralia Ortez, AHHS; Betty Bilitz, MLS; William Lewis, SSHPHS;

Director of Parks & Recreation Brenda Moore, SHS; Mark Averill, AHHS; William Martin, MLS; Angela Markle, SSPPHS;

Director of Finance Ed West, SHS; Jim Jordan, AHHS; Theodore Remus, MLS; Shelly Jordan, SSPPHS;

Personnel Director Debra Grimes, SHS; Marsha Webb, AHHS; Sue Gallant, SSHPHS;

City Clerk Lita Cooper, SHS; Terri Rohde, AHHS; Jeff Inniger, MLS; Gail Gantkowski, SSHPHS;

City Attorney Helen Bonner, SHS; Janine Kuehn, AHHS; Jean Louis Pello, SSPPHS;

Model Cities Director Greg McKinney, SHS; Kathy Prevost, AHHS; Steven Hensler, MLS; Janey Shea, SMCHS;

Civic Center Director Willie Dawkins, SHS; Jan Emery, AHHS; Cathy Spaude, MLS; Bob Thompson, SSHPHS;

Code: SHS-Saginaw High School; AHHS-Arthur Hill High School; MLS-Michigan Lutheran Seminary; SSHPHS-St. Stephen High School; SSPPHS-SS Peter and Paul High School; SMCHS-St. Mary Cathedral High School.

Dempsey Speaker for Commencement at Delta

Dr. John T. Dempsey, director of the State Bureau of Management and Budget, will be the graduation speaker for the twelfth annual Commencement exercises at Delta College Sunday, April 27 beginning at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium.

A former news director for WJBK-TV in Detroit, Dr. Dempsey is a member of the Governor's Executive Council where he participates in policy and program decisions.

Prior to that he was a Governor's Special Assistant for Urban Affairs and Director of the Governor's Detroit Office. Dr. Dempsey received his Ph.D. from The University of Michigan where he chaired the Division of Literature, Science and Art and his A.B. and M.A. from the University of Detroit.

In 1967, he was co-chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and has served as a staffer to U.S. Senators Robert Griffin and Thomas C. Hennings of Missouri.

Dr. Dempsey is responsible for the preparation of the state budget; assisting governmental units to obtain state

and federal services and implementing budget watch-dog systems among state agencies.

As a member of the Governor's Council, Dr. Dempsey serves as a lobbyist for legislation favored by the Governor and participates in the drafting of messages and statements from the Office of the Governor.

Approximately 700 Associate Degree candidates are expected to be graduated April 27 with a nursing cap and pin ceremony following the exercises.

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THIS IS HOW you do it, says Mrs. Rockett.

Dirty Picture Contest

The Dirty Picture Contest sponsored by the Saginaw YWCA is well underway. The deadline for all entries will be Friday, May 4. Any number of pictures may be entered. Contestants are urged to submit their best black and white or color photographs of a polluted scene around Saginaw. Details are available at the YWCA.

Final judging will be held Monday, May 7. Judging will be in three categories according to school grades. The judges will be Don Demers and Curt Leece of the Saginaw News and Elmer Ganschow of Saginaw Photo Supply. The winning pictures will be on display at the YWCA from May 7 - May 19, along with the other entries.



WE LIKE TO be No. 1 in our class.

Tabernacle Nurses Complete Class

Last Monday evening, April 23, the Nurses' Guild of Tabernacle Baptist Church concluded its first aid class for members. The class was taught by Mrs. Minnie Rockett.

Guild members attending the class were: Hattie Rose, Lucinda Taylor, Alanda Taylor, Willie Allison, Frankie Moran, Annie Jackson, and Elester Fairris. Each of these ladies was awarded a first aid certificate at the final class on Monday night.

Members of the Nurses' Guild are responsible for the care of babies and toddlers in the church nursery during Sunday services and other church functions. Training in first aid, they feel, will assure the best possible care for the children in case of illness or accident.



WHEN WE GIVE to help others, we give all we can.

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HOME- ROOM	CONTRIBUTION
Mr. Bennett	\$20.18
Mr. Borucki	14.01
Mrs. Davis	16.10
Mr. Dowdell	3.03
Mrs. Fisher	1.16
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Mr. Grzesiak	3.23
Mr. Jarabek	3.25
Mr. Jenkins	5.98
Mrs. Johnson	3.46
Mr. Martinez38
Mr. Middleton	1.94
Miss O'Meara	1.47
Mrs. Richardson	1.48
Mr. Samuels22
Mr. Tewes	6.47
Miss Thompson	23.26
Mrs. Vyse	2.87
Mr. Wendland	3.19
TOTAL \$116.89	
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Travel Clothes Mission Helps Children's Dream Come True



WE PLANNED THE WHOLE THING!

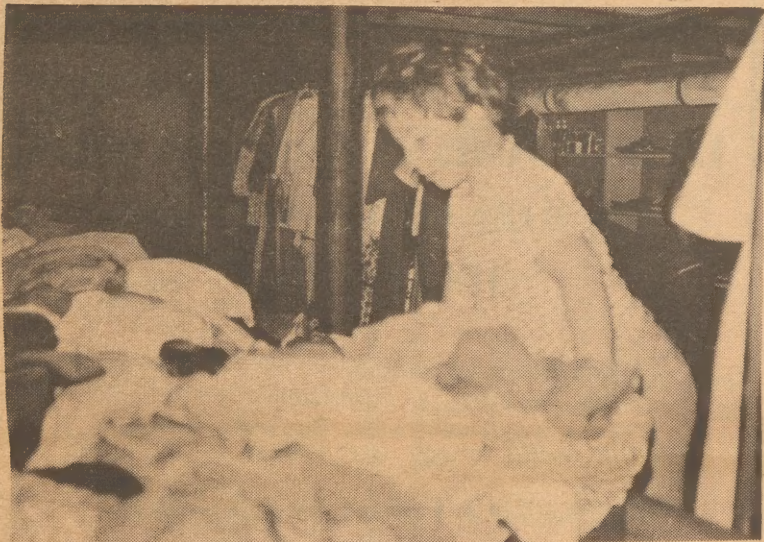
BY JUDY COLVIN

A small operation performs a big happiness.

The Travel Clothes Mission located at 1243 South Warren made many children's dreams come true. As all of us know there are many children in our community that have never had the experience of going to an Easter Egg Hunt. Sometimes the situation is the parents don't have time, or the kids don't have a ride. But this Easter the kids in the Warren Avenue area had the place, the location, and the fun.



WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOUR HOT, WHEN YOU'RE NOT YOU'RE NOT!



DON'T GIVE UP -- KEEP LOOKING!

Mrs. Stevens who is manager of the Travel Clothes Mission of Saginaw, (I'm sure you readers are familiar with this organization) decided to make some children's dreams come true. The Mission held a wild Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 21, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. right in the heart of the Mission. Mrs. Stevens and a couple other mothers of the neighborhood cooked, decorated, and hid about 30 dozen eggs in clothes, shoes, coat pockets, under tables, throughout baskets of articles, and anywhere and everywhere no one else would ever think of hiding an egg.



LOOK WHAT WE FOUND!



THIS MUST BE WHERE THE BUNNIES SLEPT LAST NIGHT!

The amazing thought of the Hunt was how so many of us with so little give more, and those of you with everything give nothing. Stop and think about that. Those of Saginaw able to give, but not capable. Therefore, more people should consider: "It's not what you give that counts, but how you give it."

Mrs. Revis, a very good assistant to Mrs. Stevens, also has two sons who had a small birthday party combined with the Hunt. Mrs. Revis and Mrs. Inman sent two beautiful cakes to all the children participating. I would say a total of 60 kids attended. Some of the other refreshments were ice cream and punch. Also given away were jelly beans and jacks.



COME ON HERE -- SOME MORE!



I WAS SURE I SAW ONE -- NOW WHERE DID IT GO?

Mrs. Stevens commented that the Mission is happy now to have a central location where they can serve more people easier. She also stated that her sweet husband donated to the Mission a 1972 Buick Station Wagon, and she makes good use of it. She runs various errands for people who need transportation.

If you have anything that you now have no use for, please donate it to the Travelers Clothing Mission; they will put it to good use.



COME ON OUT I KNOW YOU ARE IN THERE!